

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Re the application of:

Kazuo CHIKARAISHI et al.

Appln. No.: 10/049,602

Group Art Unit: 3618

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For: ELECTRIC POWER STEERING APPARATUS

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Supplementing the Information Disclosure Statement dated February 14, 2002, and without any assertion as to materiality or prior art effect, the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are hereby cited.

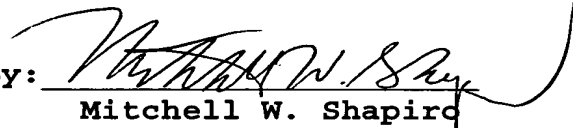
Documents AG and AH on the attached list are cited in the specification, on page 4, and their relevance is indicated therein. Applicants' Japanese representative has advised that Documents AI-AL do not disclose fitting materials having different linear expansion coefficients onto each other thereby changing limit torque.

Respectfully submitted,

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